



2025 WNC 4-H Pullet Project Rules and Agreement



1. To participate in the 2025 WNC 4-H Pullet Project, youth must complete BOTH steps outlined below no later than February 28, 2025:

STEP 1: Participants MUST be registered and enrollment approved in their designated county at v2.4honline.com BEFORE registering for the WNC 4-H Pullet Project. Enroll in the North Carolina 4-H program through the 4-H Online Enrollment System located at: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

STEP 2: Complete the WNC 4-H Pullet Project registration Google form located at: go.ncsu.edu/wncpulletproject. Participants must be between the ages of 5-18, as of January 1st, 2025, and participate in 4-H in western North Carolina.

STEP 3: Mail in your registration check for the amount designated in section 3 below.

2. Youth who have participated in the WNC 4-H Pullet Project in previous years may participate in 2025. These participants must attend the mandatory orientations, showmanship clinic, and show. Second-year participants who pay for new chicks will be able to participate in BOTH breed and showmanship. Second-year participants who do not want additional chicks can compete in **showmanship only** if they choose to bring a bird from last year's program.
3. The entry fee for this project is \$40.00 per participant receiving birds. Siblings can share birds and second-year participants who do not want additional chicks can compete in **showmanship only** if they choose to bring a bird from last year's program. There is a \$20 fee for siblings (sharing birds) or for a second-year participant only wanting to compete in showmanship. This fee can be mailed to the Henderson County Extension Center (100 Jackson Park Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792). **The fee must be postmarked or delivered by February 28th, 2025.** The fee can be paid by cash or check made payable to Henderson County 4-H.
4. Each participant will receive a maximum of 5 chicks. Only female chicks will be ordered although males may still be delivered by surprise. Families with more than one child may choose to have their children share the same set of birds (5 birds) provided by the program. If more than one child in a family is planning to participate and the participants plan to share the birds, an entry fee of \$20 will be due for each additional sibling. (ex. A family with two children would pay one \$40 registration fee and one \$20 registration fee if the children will be sharing the birds). If siblings do not want to share birds, the fee is \$40 per participant.
5. Participants will be required to attend **5 MANDATORY** events. These events and dates are listed at the end of this document and include 3 Animal Care/Housing/Feeding workshops, a poultry showmanship clinic, and the final WNC 4-H Pullet Project Show. The three workshops will rotate in-person locations between Buncombe, Henderson and Madison counties. A zoom option will be available for these workshops for those unable to attend in person. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the March workshops in person.

6. Each participant will be financially responsible for all expenses incurred during the program (feed, medication, housing, bedding, water, etc.).
7. Participants will raise the chicks from delivery until the show and under the guidance and supervision of parents/guardians, with the help of Extension Agents. Participants will have the option to keep their chickens after the program ends OR sell them through several auction opportunities in September.
8. Birds with this project will be given a wing band for identification purposes. Only birds that have a wing band from the 2025 WNC 4-H Pullet Project will be eligible to compete in the breed classes at the final show in August. Birds previously received from the program are eligible for showmanship classes. This **MUST** be designated in registration for the program and the show.
9. **ALL** participants must bring and show three (3) hens received through the program. If a participant does not show up, they forfeit all premiums and awards. The **ONLY** exception to this is in the event of a **confirmed** disaster that destroys a flock. If you have a qualifying disaster, you must contact your 4-H Extension Agent **immediately (24-48 hours)** so they may verify.
10. ALL participants must participate in the program's pullet show in August. Only chicks provided through this project will be allowed to enter the show.
11. A qualified adult or youth will judge the show. An NC Department of Agriculture poultry inspector will inspect/test birds for parasites and diseases.
12. It is expected that participants will keep records of their project from start to completion. These records include expenses, care, inventory, goals, project story, etc. Project Record books will be provided by the program and must be completed and turned in before the birds can be exhibited at the final pullet show in August. **NO RECORD BOOK MEANS NO PREMIUM.**
13. All decisions by the judges are final. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the show is prohibited. Potential disqualification from future events after review is possible.
14. We anticipate that birds will arrive in late March/early April. The exact date and pick-up time will be communicated to participants through email. Participants **MUST** pick up their chicks at their designated location on the date and time that is planned. If you are unable to pick up the birds during this time, you must find someone who can do this for you. Please provide the name of your pick-up person to your Extension 4-H Agent.
15. Any special considerations not covered in the rules will be decided by the WNC 4-H Pullet Project Committee.

Committee/Participant Agreements

WNC 4-H Pullet Project Committee Agrees To:

- Purchase chicks from a reputable hatchery.
- Ensure chicks have been vaccinated and have identification for show purposes.
- Provide guidance and instruction on proper housing, feeding, care, and biosecurity of farms via 3 mandatory workshops.
- Provide a hands-on clinic where participants will learn showmanship techniques to practice and prepare for the show.
- Provide monthly opportunities for participant check-ins, Q&A sessions, and assistance when needed.
- Facilitate/host the WNC 4-H Pullet Project Show in August.
- Provide recommendations for the sale of the pullets for those families that choose to sell at the end of the project.

Participant and Legal Guardian Agree To:

- Pay the \$40.00 enrollment fee per participant. (\$20 for additional siblings if the family will share birds, or for showmanship only for second-year participants not wishing to obtain new birds.)
- Assume ownership of the chicks starting at the chick pick-up day.
- Provide proper housing, heat, food, water, and supplies necessary for chick health and safety.
- Practice showmanship techniques and show the birds at the 2025 WNC 4-H Pullet Project Show.
- Surrender chicks to the WNC 4-H Pullet Project Committee if the committee determines there is a lack of proper feeding and health management contributing to poor animal welfare.
- Immediately notify the WNC 4-H Pullet Project Committee if there is death, disease, or loss of flock.
- Attend ALL MANDATORY scheduled meetings and workshops.

Mandatory Program Dates

Attendance is mandatory at all workshops. A zoom option will be provided for the Brooding, Housing, and Best Management Practices workshops in March. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the March workshops in person.

- February 28, 2025- Final date for program registration and fee due
- March 6, 2025 (6:00 - 7:30 pm) - Brooding Workshop @ Henderson Office
- March 13, 2025 (6:00 - 7:30 pm) - Housing Workshop @ Madison Office
- March 20, 2025 (6:00 - 7:30 pm) - Best Management Practices Workshop @ Buncombe Office
- Week of April 1, 2025 - Chick Pick-up
- July 19, 2025 (9:00 am - 12:30 pm) - Poultry Showmanship Clinic, Henderson County Extension Office
- August 15, 2025 (5:30 pm - 7:30pm) – 2025 Western 4-H Pullet Roundup Show

Additional Program Dates

- February 20, 2025- Q&A Session 6:00pm (zoom)

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